GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

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IN-BUILT SAFETY DEVICE FOR VEHICLES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have instructed the automobile and truck manufacturers to design their vehicles with more in-built safety devices;

(b) if so, whether no coordination exists in this aspect of road safety;

(c) whether any meeting was held with automobile manufacturers in this regard;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the automobile sector to create more in-built safety devices in their vehicles?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (e): Under Section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, the CentralGovernment has prescribed rules for various safety related items. As reported by the Ministry of Surface Transport, no special instructions have separately been issued in this regard.

In order to ensure proper coordination, the Central Motor VehicleRules are finalized in consultation with all concerned including vehicle manufacturers. The process of consultation with other Ministries and vehicle manufacturers is a continuing process and for this purpose the Ministry of Surface Transport has a Technical Standing Committee to review the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, particularly, those relating to safety components. The recommendations of the Committee are given due consideration before making any changes in the rules.